

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are active in the present application. Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

--4. (Amended) A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to [any one of Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1, wherein said crystalline polyethylenic resin (2) has a insoluble of 10% by mass or more when dissolved in a boiling n-hexane.

7. (Amended) A thermoplastic elastomer composition according to Claim 5 [or 6] wherein said block copolymer (3) is obtained by hydrogenating a block copolymer whose blocks at its both ends are those represented by A shown below and whose intermediate block is that represented by B shown below, and wherein said A is present in an amount of 5 to 90 % by mass and said B is present in an amount of 10 to 95 % by mass based on 100 % by mass as the total of said A and said B, and wherein the 1, 2-vinyl group content in said A is less than 25 % by mole and the 1, 2-vinyl group content in said B is not less than 25 % by mole, and wherein at least 80 % of the all double bonds contained in said block copolymer (3) before the hydrogenation is saturated and the number average molecular weight is 50,000 to 700,000,

in which:

A: a butadiene polymeric block having a 1,2-vinyl group content lower than that in B shown below; and,

B: a conjugated diene polymeric block and/or a vinyl aromatic compound-conjugated diene random copolymeric block having a 1, 2-vinyl group content higher than that in A shown above. --